

In re Appln. of Mills et al.
Application No. 10/751,588

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. An Office action dated March 24, 2005 is presently pending in the application. Claims 1, 3 and 10 are amended, no claims have been added, and Claims 2 and 15-24 are cancelled; therefore, Claims 1 and 3-14 are pending in the application.

The Claims Indicated as Allowable

In the pending Office action, Claims 2-7 and 10-14 were objected to as being dependant upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Each of these claims has now been rewritten in independent form, or depends from one of the claims that has been rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 2 (indicated as allowable), and Claims 8 and 9 depend from this claim. Claim 3 (indicated as allowable) has been rewritten in independent form, and Claims 4-7 depend from Claim 3. Claim 10 (indicated as allowable) has been rewritten in independent form, and Claims 11-14 depend therefrom.

Applicants submit that, based upon the statements of allowable subject matter in the Office action dated March 24, 2005, each of the claims is now in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

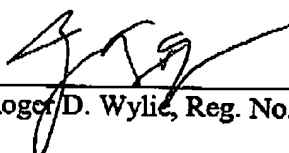
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims define patentable subject matter, and that the application is in good and proper condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully solicited.

If the foregoing does not result in a Notice of Allowance in the application, Applicants earnestly solicit the Examiner to call the undersigned at 206-521-5984.

Respectfully submitted,



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